

PATENT APPLICATION OF
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FOR
SPRING SUSPENSION SPEAKER

BACKGROUND-FIELD OF INVENTION

The present invention relates to speakers used to reproduce sounds such as voice and music.

BACKGROUND-DESCRIPTION OF RELATED ART

Conventional speakers used to reproduce sounds such as voice and music generally comprises of a back plate and a front plate enclosing a permanent magnet. A voice coil is affixed to the top of the back plate and the cone is attached to the top of the voice coil. The spider is attached between the bottom of the cone and the basket, which surrounds the cone. A dustcap covers the opening formed by the cone and a surround is attached between the dustcap and the circular gasket around the dustcap. The cone is thereby supported by both the spider and the surround.

When electrical current is applied to the terminals on the speaker, the voice coil would move in a linear fashion due to the attraction and repulsion between the electromagnet formed by the electrical current and the permanent magnet located between the back plate and the front plate. The movement of the voice coil will move the cone attached to it, which causes the air in front of the speaker to be compressed or decompressed. This compression and decompression of the air forms the sound waves that can be detected by the human ear as sounds. The sounds produced thereby may be voice, music, or any other sounds.

After a period of use, the spider and the surround in the conventional speaker will fail due to fatigue from the cyclic stress or a surge of power to the speaker. When the spider or the surround fails, the voice coil will be burned out and the speaker becomes unusable and must be replaced.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is a spring suspension speaker that will virtually prevent failure of the speaker due to fatigue from cyclic stress or due to a surge of power to the speaker. The present invention comprises of a flexible support member installed within the conventional speaker. The present invention improves the performance and the life expectancy of the conventional speaker and also improves the responsiveness of the speaker, thereby increase the accuracy of the sound reproduced by the speaker.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows the cross-sectional view of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

In the preferred embodiment of the present invention, a spring **11** is installed within the conventional speaker to virtually prevent failure of the speaker due to fatigue from cyclic stress or due to a surge of power to the speaker. Furthermore, the present invention improves the performance and the life expectancy of the conventional speaker and also improves the responsiveness of the speaker, thereby increase the accuracy of the sound reproduced by the speaker.

The conventional speaker comprises of a circular back plate **1** and a circular front plate **3** with a permanent magnet **2** between them. A voice coil **4** is attached to the top of the back plate **1**. A cone **5** is attached to the top of the voice coil **4**. The cone **5** is supported on the top by a surround **6** that is affixed to the cone **5** on one side and to the gasket **7** on the other side. The cone **5** is supported on the bottom by a spider **8** that is attached to the basket **9**, which surrounds the cone **5**. A dustcap **10** covers the opening at the top of the cone **5**.

When electrical current is applied to the terminals **12** on the speaker, the voice coil **4** will be energized and becomes an electro magnet. The electro magnet would interact with the permanent magnet **2** and move in a reciprocating linear fashion due to the repulsion and attraction between the magnets. The movement of the voice coil **4** will cause the cone **5** to move in the same fashion thereby causing compression and decompression of the air in front of the speaker. This compressions and decompression of the air is detected by the human ear as sound.

In the preferred embodiment of the present invention, a spring **11** is installed between the back plate **1** and the dustcap **10**. The spring **11** will greatly reduce the stress on the spider **8** and the surround **6** and virtually eliminate failure due to fatigue from the cyclic stress or a surge of power to the speaker. The present invention will improve the performance and the life

expectancy of the conventional speaker and also improves the responsiveness of the speaker, thereby increase the accuracy of the sound reproduced by the speaker.

In yet another embodiment of the present invention, the spring **11** is installed between the basket **9** and the cone **5** to provide support to the cone **5**.

Another embodiment of the present invention may utilize an air pump/air spring in place of the spring **11** to provide support to the cone **5**.